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Reexamination

Decision on Reexamination Request

A substantial new question of patentability affecting claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-10 of United States Patent Number 4,935,184 (hereinafter referred to as "the '184 patent) is raised by the request for *ex parte* reexamination. The request was filed by a Third Party on 12/21/2007.

Since requestor did not request reexamination of claims 3 and 5 and did not assert the existence of a substantial new question of patentability (SNQ) for such claims (see 35 U.S.C. § 302); see also 37 CFR 1.510b and 1.515), such claims will not be reexamined. This matter was squarely addressed in *Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc.*, et al v. Jon W. Dudas, Civil Action No. 1:05CV1447 (E.D.Va. May 22, 2006), Slip Copy, 2006 WL 1472462. The District Court upheld the Office's discretion to not reexamine claims in a reexamination proceeding other than those claims for which reexamination had specifically been requested. The Court stated:

"To be sure, a party may seek, and the PTO may grant review of each and every claim of a patent. Moreover, while the PTO in its discretion may review claims for which ... review was not requested, nothing in the statute compels it to do so. To ensure that the PTO considers a claim for ... review, ... requires that the party seeking reexamination demonstrate why the PTO should reexamine each and every claim for which it seeks review. Here, it is undisputed that Sony did not seek review of every claim under the '213 and '333 patents. Accordingly, Sony cannot now claim that the PTO wrongly failed to reexamine claims for which Sony never requested review, and its argument that AIPA compels a contrary result is unpersuasive."

Extensions of Time

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted in these proceedings because the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply only to "an applicant" and not to parties in a reexamination proceeding. Additionally, 35 U.S.C. 305 requires that

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ex parte reexamination proceedings "will be conducted with special dispatch" (37 CFR 1.550(a)). Extensions of time in ex parte reexamination proceedings are provided for in 37 CFR 1.550(c).

Substantial New Question of Patentability (SNQ)

The substantial new question of patentability (SNQ) is based on:

JP S59-199227 (hereinafter referred to as "JP '227")

JP 60-154022 (hereinafter referred to as "JP '022")

JP 58-82401 (hereinafter referred to as "JP '401")

JP S52-51449 (hereinafter referred to as "JP '449")

Schad, U.S. patent No. 4,422,995 (hereinafter referred to as "Schad")

Blumer U.S. patent No. 3,375,554 (hereinafter referred to as "Blumer")

Sorensen U.S. patent No. 4,508,676 (hereinafter referred to as "Sorensen")

Promot 100-100/100 (hereinafter referred to as "Promot 100")

Modern Plastics, "New Vigor for Two-Shot Molding with

Automation...Versatility...Ingenuity" (hereinafter referred to as "Modern Plastics")

A discussion of the specifics follows:

Request

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The request indicates that the Requestor considers JP '227 as raising a substantial new question of patentability for claims 1, 6-8 and 10 of the '184 patent.

It is agreed that the consideration of JP '227 raises an SNQ as to claims 1, 6-8 and 10 of the '184 patent. The last paragraph of page 31 through page 42 of the request is hereby incorporated by reference for the explanation of the teachings provided in JP '227 regarding a method of two-shot injection molding of a part utilizing a common mold core. These teachings were not present in the prosecution of the application which became the '184 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider these teachings important in deciding whether or not these claims are patentable. Accordingly, JP '227 raises a substantial new question. of patentability as to claims 1, 6-8 and 10, which question has not been decided in a previous examination of the '184 patent.

The request indicates that the Requestor considers JP '022 as raising a substantial new question of patentability for claims 1 and 10 of the '184 patent.

It is agreed that the consideration of JP '022 raises an SNQ as to claims 1 and 10 of the '184 patent. Page 43 through the top of page 47 of the request is hereby incorporated by reference for the explanation of the teachings provided in JP '022 regarding a method of two-shot injection molding of a part utilizing a common mold core. These teachings were not present in the prosecution of the application which became the '184 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable

examination of the '184 patent.

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examiner would consider these teachings important in deciding whether or not these claims are patentable. Accordingly, JP '022 raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1 and 10, which question has not been decided in a previous

The request indicates that the Requestor considers JP '401 as raising a substantial new question of patentability for claims 1 and 10 of the '184 patent.

It is agreed that the consideration of JP '401 raises an SNQ as to claims 1 and 10 of the '184 patent. The bottom of page 47 through the top of page 52 of the request is hereby incorporated by reference for the explanation of the teachings provided in JP '401 regarding a method of two-shot injection molding of a part utilizing a common mold core. These teachings were not present in the prosecution of the application which became the '184 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider these teachings important in deciding whether or not these claims are patentable. Accordingly, JP '401 raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1 and 10, which question has not been decided in previous examination of the '184 patent.

The request indicates that the Requestor considers the combination of JP '449 and the Admitted State of the Prior Art as raising a substantial new question of patentability for claims 1 and 6-9 of the '184 patent.

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It is agreed that the combination of JP '449 and the Admitted State of the Prior Art raises an SNQ as to claims 1 and 6-9 of the '184 patent. The bottom of page 6 through the top of page 9, page 22 beginning at "E." through the top of page 27 and page 54 through the top of page 60 of the request is hereby incorporated by reference for the explanation of the Admitted State of the Prior Art and the teachings in JP '449 regarding a method of molding a two-component part. These combined teachings were not present in the prosecution of the application which became the '184 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider these teachings important in deciding whether or not these claims are patentable.

Accordingly, the combination of JP '449 and the Admitted State of the Prior Art, raise a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1 and 6-9, which question has not been decided in previous examination of the '184 patent.

The request indicates that the Requestor considers the combination of JP '449, the Admitted State of the Prior Art and Schad as raising a substantial new question of patentability for claim 10 of the '184 patent.

It is agreed that the combination of JP '449, the Admitted State of the Prior Art and Schad raises an SNQ as to claim 10 of the '184 patent. Page 60 of the request is hereby incorporated by reference for the explanation of the teachings of Schad regarding the separation of mold components in a two-shot molding process as applicable to the combination of the JP '449 and the Admitted State of the Prior Art.

These combined teachings were not present in the prosecution of the application which

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became the '184 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider these teachings important in deciding whether or not this claim is patentable. Accordingly, the combination of JP '449, the Admitted State of the Prior Art and Schad, raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claim 10, which question has not been decided in previous examination of the '184 patent.

The request indicates that the Requestor considers the combination of JP '449 and Modern Plastics as raising a substantial new question of patentability for claim 1 of the '184 patent.

It is agreed that the combination of JP '449 and Modern Plastics raises an SNQ as to claim 1 of the '184 patent. Pages 60-64 of the request are hereby incorporated by reference for the explanation of the combination of the teachings of JP '449 and Modern Plastic regarding a two-shot molding process. These combined teachings were not present in the prosecution of the application which became the '184 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider these teachings important in deciding whether or not this claim is patentable. Accordingly, the combination of JP '449 and Modern Plastics raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claim 1, which question has not been decided in previous examination of the '184 patent.

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The request indicates that the Requestor considers the combination of JP '227 and Modern Plastics as raising a substantial new question of patentability for claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-10 of the '184 patent.

It is agreed that the combination of JP '227 and Modern Plastics raises an SNQ as to claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-10 of the '184 patent. Page 65 through the top of page 68 of the request is hereby incorporated by reference for the explanation of the combination of teachings of JP '227 and Modern Plastics regarding a two-shot molding process. These combined teachings were not present in the prosecution of the application which became the '184 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider these teachings important in deciding whether or not these claims are patentable. Accordingly, the combination of JP '227 and Modern Plastics raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-10, which question has not been decided in previous examination of the '184 patent.

The request indicates that the Requestor considers the combination of either JP '022 or JP '401 and Promot 100 as raising a substantial new question of patentability for claims 6-8 of the '184 patent.

It is agreed that the combination of JP '022 or JP '401 in view of Promot 100 raises an SNQ as to claims 6-8 of the '184 patent. The bottom of page 67 through the top of page 72 is hereby incorporated by reference for the explanation of the combination of teachings of JP '022 or JP '401 with Promot 100 regarding a two-shot molding process. While no date has been supplied for Promot 100, it is noted that

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during prosecution of the application which became the '184 patent, an IDS was submitted (6/16/1988) citing Promot 100 and noting that Figures 1 through 4 of Promot 11 illustrate the prior art described in the Background portion of the specification of the application which became the '184 patent. These combined teachings were not present in the prosecution of the application which became the '184 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider these teaching important in deciding whether or not these claims are patentable. Accordingly, the combination of JP '022 or JP '401 and Promot 100, raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 6-8, which question has not been decided in previous examination of the '184 patent.

The request indicates that the Requestor considers the combination of either JP '227, JP '022 or JP '401 with either Blummer or Soreneson as raising a substantial new question of patentability for claim 9 of the '184 patent.

It is agreed that the combination of either JP '227, JP '022 or JP '401 in view of either Bummer or Sorensen raises an SNQ as to claim 9 of the '184 patent. The bottom of page 72 through page 74 of the request is hereby incorporated by reference for the explanation of the combination of the teachings of any of JP '227, JP '022 or JP '401 and either Blummer or Sorensen regarding the securing of two mold components in a two-shot molding process. These combined teachings were not present in the prosecution of the application which became the '184 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider these teachings

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important in deciding whether or not this claim is patentable. Accordingly, the combination of any of JP '227, JP '022 or JP '401 with either Blummer or Sorensen raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claim 9, which question has not been decided in previous examination of the '184 patent.

Duty of Disclosure

The patent owner is reminded of the continuing responsibility under 37 CFR 1.565(a) to apprise the Office of any litigation activity, or other prior or concurrent proceeding, involving Patent No. 4,935,184 throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. The third party requester is also reminded of the ability to similarly apprise the Office of any such activity or proceeding throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. See MPEP §§ 2207, 2282 and 2286.

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Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krisanne Jastrzab whose telephone number is 571-272-1279. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 6:00am-4:30pm.

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